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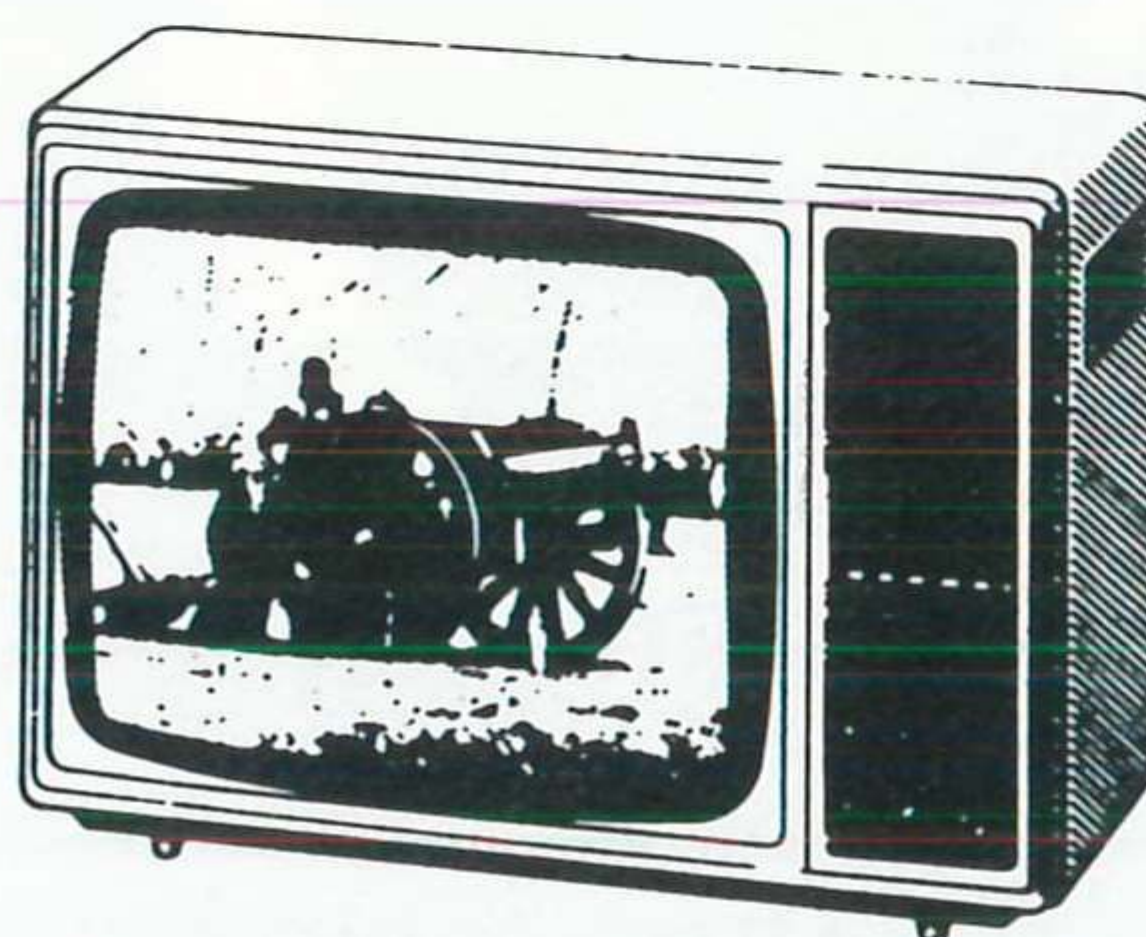
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JOHN MCGOVERN



Here we are again for another Lancashire 'derby' game against our neighbours from Burnley. It's our second successive home derby clash following our New Year's Day match against Blackburn — let's hope the end result is the same.

What a game to have hot on the heels of last Saturday's FA Cup tie at Arsenal!

We showed in that game, despite the result, that as an attacking force, particularly in the second half, there is no reason at all why we shouldn't be scoring goals regularly away from home which has been a major problem for us so far this season.

In fact our away performances are beginning to show a vast improvement. At Leeds and Newcastle over the holiday period we showed that we are becoming quite a force — a tough nut to crack.

Obviously, taking eight points from our four games we were delighted with our results in the holiday fixtures. But from my point of view, the greatest delight was seeing the level of physical effort put in by all our players. Taking the Leeds, Newcastle and Arsenal games as examples I'm sure it will not be long before we return from an away game with three points.

All in all, there has been a significant upturn in confidence thanks to a useful little run which has brought just one defeat — our 2-1 result at Chelsea — in 10 League games.

On to today's game, I must say that it's a pleasant feeling to be sitting above our opponents in the League table. But there is no reason for us to be complacent.

Like ourselves, Burnley are very strong in midfield where they recently strengthened their side with the purchase of Brian Flynn who is now in his second spell at Turf Moor. Along with the talented Trevor Steven I reckon he makes a useful midfield partnership and I am sure one of the features of today's game will be their tussle with our own Tony Henry and David Hoggan.

I really hope today's match will be as exciting as the game at Turf Moor back in August when we met in the opening fixture of the season and I made my debut for the club.

Let's just hope that instead of the 0-0 scoreline we have some goals to savour.

We'll be going all out to extend our good sequence of results but I'm sure Burnley will be every bit as determined to gain the points for themselves.

One man who will surely be keen to do well for them is Steve Taylor, who had a good measure of success here at Burnden Park earlier in his career and has been banging the goals in again recently.

As you will be well aware I still have the option of bringing in another player on loan in addition to Neil Whatmore and just because we have had a run of good results doesn't mean we have stopped looking around for new recruits.

But the delay in finding the right player may have worked in our favour in some ways. Initially we were looking for a midfield player but now we may have to be looking for a player to sign as defensive cover following the injury of Neil Berry.

It's absolutely astonishing that Neil should suffer the identical injury which put Peter Nicholson out of football for so long — further coincidence being they are both full-backs.

But we are hoping Neil will be quickly back in action. We are trying to find a way of having him wear a very light plaster on his wrist so that he will be allowed to play in competitive games.

We need all our players fit and ready for action at any time.

Front cover: A Tony Henry header against Carlisle.



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BURNLEY PREPARE TO FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

From: Tony Pullein

Though a considerable gap has opened up between Burnley and the safety mark at the bottom of the Second Division, Brian Miller's team believes it can escape the drop. A big improvement was shown over the holiday period and the experience of a great run in the Milk Cup has helped to boost confidence all round.

Another reason for optimism has been the return to Turf Moor of Welsh international midfielder Brian Flynn, who rejoined Burnley in November after a spell with Leeds United. He now joins other international players in the middle of the field — Martin Dobson (England) and Tommy Cassidy (N. Ireland).

Though Burnley are struggling at the foot of the Second Division table, they have produced some outstanding results in the Milk Cup and now travel to Tottenham in the quarter-final.

They ousted Bury (8-4 on aggregate) and then scored a 4-3 aggregate win over Second Division rivals Middlesbrough.

Burnley's best performance of the season came in the third round when they visited First Division Coventry City and won 2-1. They were then drawn at home to another First Division side, Birmingham City, and pulled off another fine win, this time by 3-2.

In the F.A. Cup they drew 2-2 at Carlisle last Saturday and were due to replay at Turf Moor on Tuesday.

But today it's back to League action and Burnley will be endeavouring to improve a very poor away record which has produced only one win so far — at Middlesbrough (4-1) on the opening day of the season. Their other away point came from a 1-1 draw at Sheffield Wednesday in November.

All their other away League games have ended in defeat: Barnsley (0-3), Q.P.R. (2-3), Charlton (1-2), Leeds (1-3), Fulham (1-3), Newcastle (0-3), Chelsea (1-2), Grimsby (2-3) and Wolves (0-2).

It is particularly important for Burnley to pull away from the relegation zone if they are to prepare for the next phase of their recovery programme. Last season they won the Third Division championship and their objective for this season was to consolidate at Second Division level and then prepare for a return to the First Division which they graced for so many years.

Fortunes at Turf Moor reached their lowest ebb when the club was doomed to a spell of Third Division football, for the first time in its history, in 1980. It was a particular setback to manager Brian Miller at the end of his first season in control.

But the board appreciated that the reason for the club's decline could not be held to be the responsibility of the

team-manager and, wisely, gave him a vote of confidence and the chance to rebuild the club.

Mr Miller realised that he had virtually to start from scratch. Today only four players, who were regular members of the team when it dipped out of the Second Division in 1980, are still in the side. Two of them are internationals — former England midfielder Martin Dobson and striker Billy Hamilton, a current N. Ireland international.

Goalkeeper Alan Stevenson and defender Derek Scott are the others and these have formed the base for the new Burnley team.

Burnley were one of the original members of the Football League in 1888. They spent the major part of their early life in the First Division. Burnley won the League Championship in 1921 and 1960 and they have appeared in three F.A. Cup finals, winning the trophy in 1914. They were beaten in subsequent finals in 1947 and 1962.

Burnley have taken the Second Division championship back to Turf Moor on two occasions and twice won promotion from that section as runners-up.

It's only six-and-a-half years since Burnley left the First Division, though an awful lot has happened to them since then. They were relegated from Division One in 1976 and, after three seasons of struggle, they found themselves in a serious relegation battle in 1979/80. Their fate was on the cards many weeks before the end and, when they were finally doomed to the Third Division, the club accepted its fate philosophically.

It took them two years to regain their Second Division place so there is a very strong will to hold onto it now that they are back.

ALAN STEVENSON (Goalkeeper). Alan has been in the Burnley goal for ten years. Originally with Chesterfield, he was transferred to Burnley for £50,000 in 1972. He was capped on eleven occasions for the England under-23s.

BILLY O'ROURKE (Goalkeeper). Billy was recalled for the game against Blackburn on Boxing Day. He developed in the club's junior sides and will never forget his League debut against Q.P.R. in October 1979 — he conceded seven goals. Billy made a few more first-team appearances, when Alan Stevenson was unavailable, but did not get a chance at all last season when he spent a short period on loan to Newport County.

BRIAN LAWS (Defender). Brian is another Burnley discovery who made his League bow on the final day of the 1979/80 season. He became a fixture at right-back two seasons ago and now he is the man who takes any penalty-kicks. He has converted four this season.

MIKE PHELAN (Defender). Yet another product of the youth team, Mike got his big chance in League football against Exeter two seasons ago.

Burnley



BACK ROW: Paul McGee, David Miller, Kevin Young, Steve Taylor, Billy Hamilton, Mark Allen.
MIDDLE ROW: David Holt, Vince Overson, Billy O'Rourke, Michael Phelan, Alan Stevenson, Paul Dixon, Trevor Steven.
FRONT ROW: Billy Wright, Lee Dixon, Andy Wharton, Martin Dobson, Phil Cavener, Derek Scott, Brian Laws.

DEREK SCOTT (Defender). Derek came through from the junior teams. He made his League bow in 1974/75 and has now played around 200 first-team games for the club.

DAVID HOLT (Defender). Bury gave David his chance in League football in 1969/70 and he made 200 first-team appearances for the Shakers before joining Oldham for their then club record fee of £40,000 in 1975. Burnley signed him for £40,000 during the 1980 close-season.

ANDY WHARTON (Defender). Andy graduated to first-team duty two seasons ago and he spent most of the opening half of the current campaign in the left-back position.

WILLIE DONACHIE (Defender). Willie won 35 Scotland caps during almost a decade in Manchester City's First Division side. He was transferred to Portland Timbers for £200,000 in 1979 but returned to English football with Norwich City last season. Following another summer with the Timbers, he signed for Burnley earlier this season.

MIKE WALSH (Defender). Mike needs no introduction at Burnley Park for he spent well over four seasons as a Bolton regular before moving to Everton in 1981. Since joining the Toffees, Mike has won five Republic of Ireland caps but he has lost his place in the Everton side this season and is currently on loan to Burnley.

MARTIN DOBSON (Midfield). Martin is in his second spell with Burnley yet he once felt he had no future in football when we placed him on a free-transfer in the mid-'sixties. He joined Burnley and made their League team by 1967/68. In 1974 he moved on to Everton for £300,000 and, whilst with the Toffees, he took his number of full England caps to five. Burnley re-signed Martin for £100,000 in 1979.

TREVOR STEVEN (Midfield). Trevor was introduced to Burnley's League eleven at Bristol Rovers in September 1981 and has since been holding his place.

TOMMY CASSIDY (Midfield). Tommy has been capped 24 times by N. Ireland. He made his name with Glentoran and it was in October 1970 that he crossed the sea to sign for Newcastle United. He made more than 200 senior appearances for the Geordies before transferring to Burnley during the summer of 1980.

BRIAN FLYNN (Midfield). Brian re-joined Burnley, from Leeds, for £60,000 in November and won his 54th Welsh cap in the astonishing 4-4 draw with Yugoslavia last month. One of the smallest players in the League, Brian commenced his League career with Burnley in 1974 but then moved to Leeds for £175,000 three years later.

BILLY HAMILTON (Forward). Billy was a member of N. Ireland's successful World Cup team in Spain and he now has 24 caps. Billy was transferred from Linfield to Q.P.R. in May 1978 but made only a dozen appearances in Rangers' League eleven. Burnley signed him in 1979.

PAUL MCGEE (Forward). Paul, who has 16 Republic of Ireland caps, left Sligo Rovers to join Q.P.R. in 1977. He moved on to Preston in 1979 and Burnley signed him last season.

STEVE TAYLOR (Forward). Steve is another former Bolton player. During his early days here, he was loaned out to Port Vale, but he scored 20 goals for us during the 1976/77 season. He moved on to Oldham for £38,000 the following season when he topped the Latics' list with 21 goals. Luton signed him for £50,000 in 1979 but he stayed at Kenilworth Road for only a matter of weeks before signing for Mansfield in a £75,000 deal. After one season with the Stags, Steve moved to Burnley for £35,000 during the 1980 break.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Today's game with the Clarets will be the 98th time we have played each other in League Football. To date Burnley have won 39 times to the Wanderers 34.

Bolton's best victory came in January 1935 at Burnden by 7 goals to nil which avenged a similar result from season 1889-90. The goalscorers were Jack Milsom with four, Ray Westwood, George Eastham and Harry Goslin with the Wanderers turning the tables after a 2-1 defeat at Turf Moor the previous week.

Since the war all but 5 of our 39 meetings have taken place in the first division.

The last two games at Burnden have seen the honours shared. In November 1976 Bolton won 2-1 with goals from Steve Taylor and Peter Reid with Malcolm Smith replying for Burnley. In January 1978 Burnley reversed the score to inflict the Wanderers first and only home league defeat of that season. Ian Brennan who later joined Bolton scored both their goals with Neil Whatmore getting a late consolation goal for Bolton.

At Turf Moor Bolton have remained undefeated in their last three visits, a goalless draw resulted in April 1977, a 1-0 win in August 1977 with a Roy Greaves goal and another scoreless game on the first day of this season.

In the FA Cup we have been drawn together twice, both before the first world war. In 1914 Burnley won a third round tie 3-0 on their way to winning the cup with Bolton gaining their revenge the following year with a 2-1 win at Burnden in the same stage of the competition.

'FLASHBACK'

Fifteen Years Ago: 20th January 1968. The Wanderers visited Carlisle United and lost their unbeaten run of five games with a 3-0 defeat. John Ritson played his second league game of the season in place of the injured Dave Hatton.

Ten Years Ago: 13th January 1972. A 1-1 draw resulted in a 3rd round FA Cup tie at Charlton Athletic. Stuart Lee gave the Wanderers the lead before a Bob Curtis penalty saved the day for the Londoners.

17th January 1972. A crowd of 21195 came to Burnden for the replay with Charlton and saw a resounding 4-0 win for Bolton. The goals came from Peter Nicholson, Garry Jones and a couple from Roy Greaves.

27th January 1972. A return to league action saw Bolton visit Plymouth Argyle. A goal from Les Latcham won the points for the relegation threatened West Countrymen.

Five years ago: 7th January 1978. The Wanderers drew 2-2 in an incredible FA Cup 3rd round tie at Tottenham. John Duncan had given Spurs a 38th minute lead only for Roy Greaves to equalise from the penalty spot in the 55th minute given for a handball offence.

Glenn Hoddle put Spurs in front 5 minutes from time with a spectacular goal only for Neil Whatmore to earn a replay for Bolton equalising a minute later.

10th January 1978. The replay with Spurs was again a thriller. John Ritson put Bolton in front in the 51st minute with a twenty yard shot, Spurs equalised four minutes from time when Peter Taylor converted a penalty given for a foul by Allardyce on Perryman. Substitute Garry Jones scored Bolton's winner 14 minutes into extra time with a diving header.

14th January 1978. The Wanderers earned their best league victory of the season with a 5-1 win over Sheffield United at Bramhall Lane. Peter Reid, Frank Worthington, Peter Nicholson, Neil Whatmore and Roy Greaves' penalty did the damage this being the first time Bolton had scored five goals away from home since 1960.

RESERVE REPORT

14th December 1982

Manchester City Reserves 1 Bolton Wanderers Reserves 3

A good all round team performance on a greasy pitch extended the reserves unbeaten run to seven games with a 3-1 victory at Maine Road.

Dave Hoggan and Ian Moores were involved in a move down the left wing which resulted in Steve Saunders volleying home after six minutes.

City equalised in the 35th minute from the penalty spot. The kick being awarded for a handling offence by Jimmy Phillips from a Phil Boyer header. Paul Simpson put the kick just beyond Simon Farnsworth's reach.

It took the Wanderers only a minute of the second half to regain their lead. An Ian Moores shot from the edge of the penalty area was only parried by Alex Williams in the City goal and Steve Saunders had the simple task of putting the ball into an empty net.

John McGovern limped off the field in the 63rd minute with a thigh strain to be replaced by Warren Joyce.

Ian Moores who seems to be regaining his form in the reserves put the game beyond City's reach with a splendid solo goal in the 70th minute. He evaded two tackles before placing a fierce left foot shot past the diving Williams into the corner of the net.

Simon Rudge hit the bar a minute before time but by then the game had already been won.

TEAM: Farnworth, Berry, Phillips, McGovern, Darby, Bennett, S. Thompson, Saunders, Moores, Hoggan, Rudge, Sub: Joyce for McGovern.

20th December 1982

Bolton Wanderers Reserves 3 Bradford City Reserves 2

After a dull goalless first half the game produced an exciting comeback by the Wanderers, who after 10 minutes of the second period found themselves two goals down.

Black had given Bradford the lead in the 46th minute when he scored with a left foot shot with the Wanderers defence looking square.

Fee increased increased their lead when he rose unchallenged to head

home a right wing corner.

The Wanderers at this time looked down and out but to their credit they kept plugging away and were rewarded in the 62nd minute when Ian Moores scored with a left foot shot after the ball had run loose from a corner kick.

The equaliser came in the 85th minute when from a free kick for a foul on Mike Bennett, Moores received the ball and placed the ball past the helpless Ramsbottom in the Bradford goal.

Ian Moores completed his hat trick with the Wanderers winning goal in the 90th minute. Simon Rudge created the chance with a run into the Bradford penalty area evading two tackles before the trusty left foot of Moores finished the job to keep the reserves firmly on course for promotion.

TEAM: Farnworth, Whitworth, Bennett, Joyce, Darby, Redfearn, S. Thompson, Saunders, Moores, Hoggan, Rudge. Sub: Tandy.

YOUTH TEAM NEWS

23rd December 1982

FA Youth Cup 3rd round Bolton 0 Sunderland 1

Wanderers youth crashed out of the FA Youth Cup just before Christmas in disappointing circumstances.

The pitch was covered in a layer of snow on which Sunderland seemed to have the slight edge with their "kick and run" tactics. The Wanderers didn't really start getting their game together until the last 20 minutes but by then Sundeland had already got their lead and the referee had virtually lost control of the game.

Mally scored the goal for the Wearsiders in the 21st minute when he shot home after beating Jimmy Phillips who lost his footing in the snow.

O'Hagan, Quinn, Atkinson and Sellar were booked for Sunderland with Thompson and Hodgkinson having the same distinction for Wanderers, although Sunderland can count themselves lucky not to have had at least two players sent off for some cynical fouls.

TEAM: Homden, Davies, Phillips, Joyce, Darby, Booth, Thompsen, Saunders, Rudge, Redfearn, Hodgkinson. Sub: Tandy for Davies.

'JUNIOR WHITES'

Today's mascot is Andrew John Wardle. Andrew who is 7 years old lives on Cannon Street Bolton and attends Pikes Lane Junior School.

His favourite player is club captain Paul Jones.

The next Junior Whites meeting will be held in the executive club on Monday 7th February at 6.30 p.m.

'SIX A SIDE'

Eight first division clubs compete later this month in an American style six a side competition.

It will take place at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham on the 25th and 26th January and is a follow up to a similar competition held last season for Midland clubs.

The eight clubs are Arsenal, Aston Villa, Everton, Ipswich Town, Manchester City, Southampton, Swansea City and last seasons winners Birmingham City.

The final night will be televised by the B.B.C. and the laws include a 'sin-bin' and as many substitutions as wanted at any stage of the game from a 10 man squad.

S. MARLAND

6th January 1983

Chesterfield Reserves 5 Bolton Wanderers Reserves 1

The reserves fine undefeated run came to an abrupt end on a windy night at Chesterfield. Bolton fielded an inexperienced side with only Simon Farnworth and Ian Moores ineligible for the youth team.

The first goal did not come until 2 minutes from the end of the first half when John Stirk blasted the Derbyshire side into the lead from twenty yards.

The second half was only 3 minutes old when Russ Athersych increased their lead, converting a penalty awarded after Wanderers full back Mike Tandy felled winger Phil Brown.

Brown scored Chesterfield's third goal in the 64th minute when he had been left unmarked to volley home from six yards out.

The Wanderers came back into the game five minutes later when Jonathon Gautrey shot home after Andy Hodgkinson had broken through the Chesterfield defence only to see his shot blocked, the rebound falling to Gautrey to score his 2nd goal in as many games.

After this Bolton created a number of chances but failed to take full advantage with the youngsters having their best period of the game.

Chesterfield made the score look a little unrealistic with two goals in the last five minutes. Full back Shaun O'Neill scoring with a direct free kick from 18 yards and Steve Robinson tapping home after a rare mistake by Simon Farnworth.

TEAM: Farnworth, Tandy, Philips, Joyce, Darby, Redfearn, S. Thompson, Rudge, Moores, Hodgkinson, Gautrey. Sub: Bolton.

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome today to the Bacup Branch of the Burnley Supporters Association and especially to Andrew Lord, Mark Halstead, Alan Harrison and Dean Birtwistle who at 8.30 this morning set off to run from Turf Moor to Burnden Park. Well done lads!

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A QUESTION OF JUSTICE

The great escape

LEEDS found yesterday that Football Association punishments can come gift-wrapped.

They were ordered to close their terraces for the next two home games—but could actually make extra revenue from the verdict.

For when they face QPR on December 4 and Shrewsbury on December 18 at Elland Road, all their 20,000 seats will be available to fans who usually pay terrace prices.

An average Elland Road gate concentrated solely in the seated areas would realise approximately £8,000 above the normal take with the terraces open.

Censured

Leeds' Great Escape came at the end of an FA Disciplinary Commission into crowd incidents during their match against Newcastle on October 30.

Newcastle were severely censured and both clubs were asked to pay half the commission costs.

The verdict reached, under the chairmanship of Bert Millichip, came after six



That Keegan outrage

hours of deliberation at Elland Road and a further 90 minutes discussion at the FA yesterday.

During the game missiles from the terraces hit Newcastle players Kevin Keegan and John Anderson. The players were taken off the pitch by Stoke referee Malcolm Heath.

Leeds chairman Manny

Incredible, Leeds can actually profit from the latest FA rap!

By STEVE CURRY

Cussins said afterwards: "I feel we had a very fair hearing. I think the F.A. realise we have done all we can to prevent misconduct at Elland Road."

Leeds director Maxwell Holmes, who also attended yesterday's hearing, said: "The FA have put the onus on the spectators to behave themselves. If they don't,

worse things could happen." But a Leeds "profit" from the punishment could follow. And Cussins admitted: "We are just hoping fans will decide to take seats. It won't affect the club a great deal financially, though."

Holmes insisted: "We have not been treated leniently. But the FA are on the same side of the fence as most of us in accepting this is a social problem. We have spent over £200,000 trying to avoid this trouble."

Cut-price

Neither Leeds director, however, denies that the club are now likely to offer attractive cut-price seats to make sure their gate receipts do not suffer against QPR or Shrewsbury.

And that smacks of a very lop-sided kind of justice.

FA secretary Ted Croker confirmed that Leeds previous record had been taken into consideration. In fact, the Leeds ground was closed in 1971 after a pitch invasion.

Clearly this was a less serious offence. But it could still leave Leeds in profit financially. And that, to me, is wrong.



Deserted terraces can provide more revenue.

The reaction of the media to the Football Association's ruling on Leeds United, following crowd disturbances during their home game with Newcastle United, proved a little difficult to digest.

An FA Disciplinary Commission, investigating outbreaks of hooliganism, during which the players were pelted with missiles from the terraces, one of which struck Kevin Keegan and prevented him playing for several weeks, ordered Leeds United to close the terraces at Elland Road for two matches.

What incensed the leader writers evidently was the suggestion that the punishment would in fact boost the Leeds coffers for the subject games against Queens Park Rangers and Shrewsbury Town. For although they could anticipate a drop in the attendance, the extra charge for seating would offset this and in fact produce even more revenue than is usual.

The general feeling was that it is wrong for the club to come out of the ordeal in profit, as was the outcome when Sheffield Wednesday were handed a similar sentence on a previous occasion.

But what might I ask is so immoral about that? Was it Leeds United who perpetrated the crimes?

Of course not and like any football club in the country they are powerless to overcome the mindless hooliganism that is the product of our present society. Combat it they can, to some extent, with very expensive safety fencing and extra policing, but as to overcoming the disease, that can only be achieved by government intervention.

So to suggest that Leeds United or any other club for that matter, have got away with it lightly is simply a distortion of the facts. It is not the morality of Leeds United that is in question but that of a small section of the public who continue to louse up our great sport with their unsocial and unacceptable behaviour.

Clearly the verdict reached under the chairmanship of Bert Millichip, after nearly eight hours of deliberation, was sympathetic to the plight that faces football as a whole. It is extremely difficult to administer justice when the criminals are not answerable to the charge.

However FA Secretary Ted Croker believes that some clubs might be tempted to close their terraces voluntarily in an attempt to curb the violence, particularly in the light of the fact that an overall smaller audience but seated provides more revenue.

The thinking is that club costs would be cut because fewer gatemen and stewards would be necessary as well as less policemen.

In real terms what it means is dearer football for the man on the terrace and that would no doubt add to the declining football supporters trend away from the game.

It is also questionable whether a drift to all-seater stadiums would in fact stamp out the thuggery which has haunted the game for more than a decade now. It certainly did not stop a faction of the Leeds crowd rioting in Paris in 1975, during their European Cup Final defeat by Bayern Munich.

But to suggest that Leeds United had a great escape is really laying blame on the wrong doorstep.

JOHN NOLAN

BRADLEY'S BRIEF

Ray Bradley of the
'Sunday Express'
writes for you



game for a laugh?

If it's laughter you're after, then forget football. Soccer has become a very serious business. The gates are down: the gags are scarce and the shrinks are being called in to lift morale.

As my favourite comedian George Burns once quipped: "Things are so bad I'm paying the customers to come in. But it's still fun performing to a 'live' audience."

Mr. Burns has been around a long time and knows a thing or two about the entertainment business. His mouth is as straight as a ventriloquist's dummy, as he says, deadpan: "When the audience starts to leave it's time to change the act." He has a valid point.

George, who loves to puff eight-inch Havana cigars ("The doctor who told me to give up smoking is dead") also knows a bit about contracts.

He is 87 and still has 13 years of his contract to run. Says genial George: "That takes me up to 100. After that I have told my agent to negotiate one year at a time."

What a great pity that George Burns does not give after-match Press conferences. It would be nice to hear him sum up things like "pressure".

I can just imagine him standing there reeling off the gags before a captive audience. "Pressure? No I don't feel any

pressure. You only feel pressure when you are lying in an oxygen tent and some guy is standing on the oxygen pipe."

Mind you, there are few managers who appear on match days to give the panting Press papal audience. Not like the good old days when Bill Shankly or The Doc held court.

A Shankly sample? "We love playing West Ham at Anfield. They play lovely football. The fans see lots of goals . . . and we win 3-0!"

Tommy Docherty another wise-cracking Scot, also held a quip and when it came to dealing with reporters. Asked to sum up a 4-0 defeat, The Doc admitted laconically: "We started badly and then fell away." A classic line that had reporters scrapping to get back on the phone to the office.

Docherty was a master of the scathing line that has dismissed dissenting reporters or disgruntled players. He still loves to reminisce on his days at Old Trafford where he was both loved and hated by Manchester United players.

A famous Scottish international who had been dropped from the first team once asked if he could be spared a minute to air a grievance.

"Of course," said The Doc. "What's

the problem?" The player stammered: "Well boss, I have just seen the team sheet and I see I am in the reserves again."

Then came the sting. "That's right," replied Docherty. "The third team haven't got a game this weekend!"

Once when he was manager at Derby and results were going badly The Doc reprimanded a player for lack of effort. "Look laddie, you are either brilliant or rubbish. What I need at the moment is consistent mediocrity."

Not many managers see the funny side of life and the more serious ones, often unwittingly, come out with the funniest comments.

SECONDS OUT

Like the First Division manager who was asked by an alert reporter if he had heard who his team had been drawn against in the European UEFA Cup.

"No, tell me," he inquired. "Dukla, Prague," replied the reporter. "Just the draw we prayed for," said the manager, "we love playing those Dutch teams."

Big Jock Wallace had a fair sprinkling of Scottish talent in his side at Leicester and used to love stoking them up for every match. No team that Wallace — now boss of Motherwell — managed was ever allowed to give anything less than 100 per cent effort and were frequently exhorted to give "every drop of blood."

Wallace, a big, hard Scot with a craggy sense of humour showed a touch of the venerated Shankly when he explained: "I want my players to fight to the death for me because I have promised to pay their funeral expenses."

Like many managers Wallace believed that a big heart was worth a multitude of skill and that fitness and aggregate effort would always win the big battle.

Len Ashurst is also a man dedicated to physical fitness. The Cardiff manager set a rigorous pre-season for his team and then accentuated his beliefs by taking his side away for training at the RAF St. Athan centre for 'light relief'.

When they arrived at the centre,

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Ashurst was obviously impressed with the facilities — especially the boxing ring which seemed a perfect platform for toughening-up exercises.

He reinforced his addition to the physical side of fitness by donning the gloves in the ring against all comers. His first — and only — opponent was Tarki Micalleff, a short, stocky striker of Greek descent who has been capped at Welsh Under-21 level.

After sparring around for a few minutes Ashurst insisted they make a real fight of it and declared: "For God's sake put some effort into it". Tenacious Tarki let loose with a terrific right hander which dumped Ashurst on the canvas for a worrying 20 seconds.

Sporting Len was left to assess the damage — a beautiful black eye which necessitated dark bins for a week. End of story.

John Bond is a manager who has frequently dropped into the trap of self-publicity — not without humour on occasions when he meets other members of the Baubles, Bangles and Bright Shiny beads fraternity.

Bond's pre-occupation with cornering the pulicity market — Brian Cough accepted — because if Clough Coughs it's news — has a penchant for the superlative and the hyperbole.

As a famous TV panellist he has uttered such pearls as "We have thrown this lad in at the deep end. So he has to climb a mountain." When he arrived at Maine Road, amid a rolling of drums he castigated the ability of Ken Brown — his successor at Norwich — in unprintable terms. Bond has an eye for the camera and the instant quote — some of which need no embellishing by me.

But among his pearls are such beauties as: "He is among several players I am considering. I have several irons in the fire, but I'm keeping it close to my chest." How hot can you get!

BLIND JUSTICE

Malcolm Allison, that outrageous extrovert, is a man who studies the game deeply. But Allison is a manager who dives for the shrinks couch when things go wrong.

At Crystal Palace — the Palace of Varieties — he once admitted: "Sometimes they hold a board meeting to find out if I am in!" Unlucky Big Mal was soon given the sack. He celebrated in typical Champagne style. Somebody else paid!

Some managers indulge in psychology to find the answers to their problems — and I could name a dozen. But my favourite story of the "psychos" concerns Harry Storer — like Harry Haslam — a master of kidology.

Storer was an old-style shrink: a wonderful, humorous man who is still venerated in the Midlands where he is remembered with great esteem as the

manager of Coventry, Birmingham and Derby.

He was a hard man who stood for little nonsense. Once he marched a player down the tunnel on the pitch after an ill-conceived defeat. "Where are you taking me boss?," inquired the puzzled player.

"We're going to look for t'bloody hole you've been hiding in all afternoon," replied a steadfast Storer, a man who believed in honesty.

He once told an old friend of mine when asked to sum up the attributes of his team: "Well, I've got four good 'uns, three triers and three bluddy cowards. An' I'm not sure about the goalkeeper!"

Who says there is no humour in football? Every day I speak to a manager, a coach or a player who can reel off a funny story.

Presence of mind? Well, I suggest Bobby Moore, captain of West Ham and England might always come up with the right answer. When a referee was once laid unconscious after being struck in the face by the ball everything might have got out of control. But Mooro saved the day, picking up the whistle from the poor official and giving an authoritative blast to stop play.

Two years ago I saw Mooro in Bobby's bar at the Cafe Royal on the night of the Football Writers' nosh up.

He stood imperious alongside Big Jack Charlton — his 1966 World Cup team mate.

I was standing with Glenn Roeder Brian Horton and Clive Allen — my guests — when Big Jack turned round sharply and pinned Clive to the wall as he went through all our yesterdays.

Quipped Clive, then a mere £1 million striker: "Well I've been close marked all season, but this is ridiculous!" We really rolled up because it is hard to get two words out of Clive.

Who says it does not pay to have a sense of humour? My mate recently appeared before a disciplinary committee — a body who don't always see the funny side of soccer.

Charlie was sent off during a match on his local recreation ground last season. Now Charlie is not short on getting his own back. He borrowed a dog — out for its Sunday morning walk — grabbed a white corner flag, and went straight up to the referee and quipped: "I think you've lost these, ref!"

Blind justice? Poor old Charlie received a 56-day suspension — twice the normal length.

As my old mate Ron Atkinson would say as he examined his new bracelet: "Magic pal, sheer magic."

As my boss says: "It's all about character. Where are they now?"



Ricky Villa (Spurs) sees the funny side of this incident as he prepares to help Norwich skipper Mick McGuire to his feet.

A UNITED IRELAND!

By Colin Benson

When Northern Ireland's romantic journey took them to within 90 minutes of a place in the semi-finals of the 1982 World Cup last summer, it was no more than Irish football deserved.

Who could have believed that Billy Bingham's small band of players which featured a kid of 17 — Norman Whiteside (Manchester United), and a striker, Gerry Armstrong, who spent much of the season on Watford's substitutes bench, would even reach the second phase of this prestigious and strenuous competition.

But reach it they did at the expense of the home nation, Spain and the highly rated Yugoslavs and despite their limited resources, it was Northern Ireland who outshone Britain's other participants, England and Scotland.

Of course one could look at the Irish line-up and see weaknesses. It was only to be expected in such exclusive company, and when it came to the final crunch against Austria and France, those deficiencies were exposed and exploited.

The tragedy of it all was the fact that there were Irish players of true international stature, sat at home in the Emerald Isle, unable to lend a boot to the Irish cause, simply because they come from south of the border.

Had Billy Bingham been able to call on the services of Liam Brady, David O'Leary, considered by many to be the best centre-half in Europe, Frank Stapleton, Mark Lawrenson and Chris Hughton, what a side he would have been able to field, and almost certainly one which would have gone even further than the gallant boys of 82 did.

"I think that is probably very true," agrees the Northern Ireland skipper Martin O'Neill, who reasons: "If we can do it in rugby why shouldn't we have a decent all-Ireland team in football."

"It is extremely difficult to try and take on the world's best when you are a country the size of Yorkshire, so why divide it? Why not try and get a United Ireland team together."

"I think most of the players would probably agree with it although I'm not suggesting that we shall see such a development in my life-time. It is something that has been advocated for some time without any official response."

"The closest we ever got to it was way back in 1973 when we played under the guise of a Shamrock Rovers team. But we were really an all-Ireland side and we took on Brazil at Dalymount Park, Dublin before 50,000 people. The game was shown live on TV and we lost 4-3 in an absolutely brilliant game for which I consider myself lucky to be picked."

"There were the likes of Johnny Giles, Derek Dougan and big Pat Jennings. Players from North and South playing in the one side and it was an incredibly marvellous experience. I couldn't see why they did not develop the whole of Irish international football on those lines and give the idea a go after that resounding success."

As both the Irish rugby and hockey teams are selected on an all-Ireland basis what is stopping the football team following the same formula.

"It is a deep rooted problem which many people see as insurmountable," explains the Norwich City



Martin O'Neill
the Captain
of
Northern Ireland



The Republic's star striker Frank Stapleton (Manchester United) lends his support to an all-Ireland side.

midfielder: "It concerns the governing bodies. There are two Football Associations and if there is to be a united team then somewhere along the way one of those bodies has to take control which means some officials losing their power and position."

The Irish Football Association was founded in November 1880 and they staged their very first international match, against England, in Belfast on February 18, 1882. Just for the record England won 13-0 but international football had got off the ground and competition between Ireland and the home countries continued to flourish.

Even so it was not until March 17, 1900 that the Irish F.A. staged their first home game in Dublin. Again the opposition was provided by England who recorded a modest 2-0 victory. England were to appear only once more in the Southern capital — in 1912 against an all-Ireland team, when a hat-trick from Fleming spearheaded a 6-1 win for the visitors.

In 1904, 1906, 1908 and 1913, Dublin was again used by the Irish F.A. for the visits of Scotland, but that 1-2 defeat by Scotland on March 15th 1913 was to prove the last time that an Ireland side played in Dublin. Out of 49 home internationals, Belfast had staged 43 of them.

An unprecedented outburst in an Irish Cup semi-final between Glentoran and Belfast Celtic in the season of 1919-20, which resulted in both teams being removed from the competition, and the cup being awarded to Shelbourne without a Final being played, was to later lead to a rupture, which had political implications and resulted in the establishment of two associations.

The Irish Football Association Ltd., and the Football Association of Ireland, which later became the Football Association of the Irish Free State and is now known as the Republic of Ireland.

So after forty years the north and the south were split in terms of football and when civil war erupted and Southern Ireland broke away from the rest of the British Isles and eventually became a Republic the split was irreversible.

Both associations are completely autonomous bodies and there would seem little likelihood of them pooling their resources even just for international matches. For such games generate the main source of income, and the Northern Ireland F.A. would be loathe to share any of the spoils from their lucrative

annual fixture with England, not to mention the estimated £750,000 profit they made from the World Cup, with their poorer brethren in the south.

Political issues aside it seems ridiculous that such a small nation should compete on two different fronts in the same international arena. Dublin born Manchester United striker Frank Stapleton puts it in perspective when he says: "It seems ridiculous that we play in the same competitions, as two sides. In the last European Championships we had both Irish teams drawn in the same qualifying group with England, which was crazy. We took points off each other and as it happens on that occasion England qualified but it could have worked against us all.

"I would like to see a united Irish team just as a test to see what it would be like. Unfortunately it would probably upset a few folk and on each side there is bound to be disagreements about selection.

"But for the good of football if nothing else I think it would be an excellent move, and I'm sure I am speaking for most of the players when I say we should be all together.

"Football at international level is very well supported in Ireland even though league gates over there, in both parts are not too good. With a united team we could really give them something to shout about."

Martin O'Neill positively enthuses at the prospects however remote they might be: "Although we are one of the smallest nations, at this particular point in time we have the potential to become one of the best international sides in Europe," he insists. "Particularly with the North doing so exceptionally well recently and getting results, both in the World Cup and more recently against West Germany in the European Championship.

"If only we could pool our resources and use the best from both worlds. There are players like Brady, Stapleton, O'Leary, Lawrenson — for heavens sake the list is endless. If we joined up with them it would be a privilege to be in the side.

"There are political issues in Ireland which could create problems but this does not affect the rugby code in any way. To be quite honest I'm not exactly sure why it doesn't, but since I have been in football I can not recall any serious or concerted efforts being made to join us on the football field."

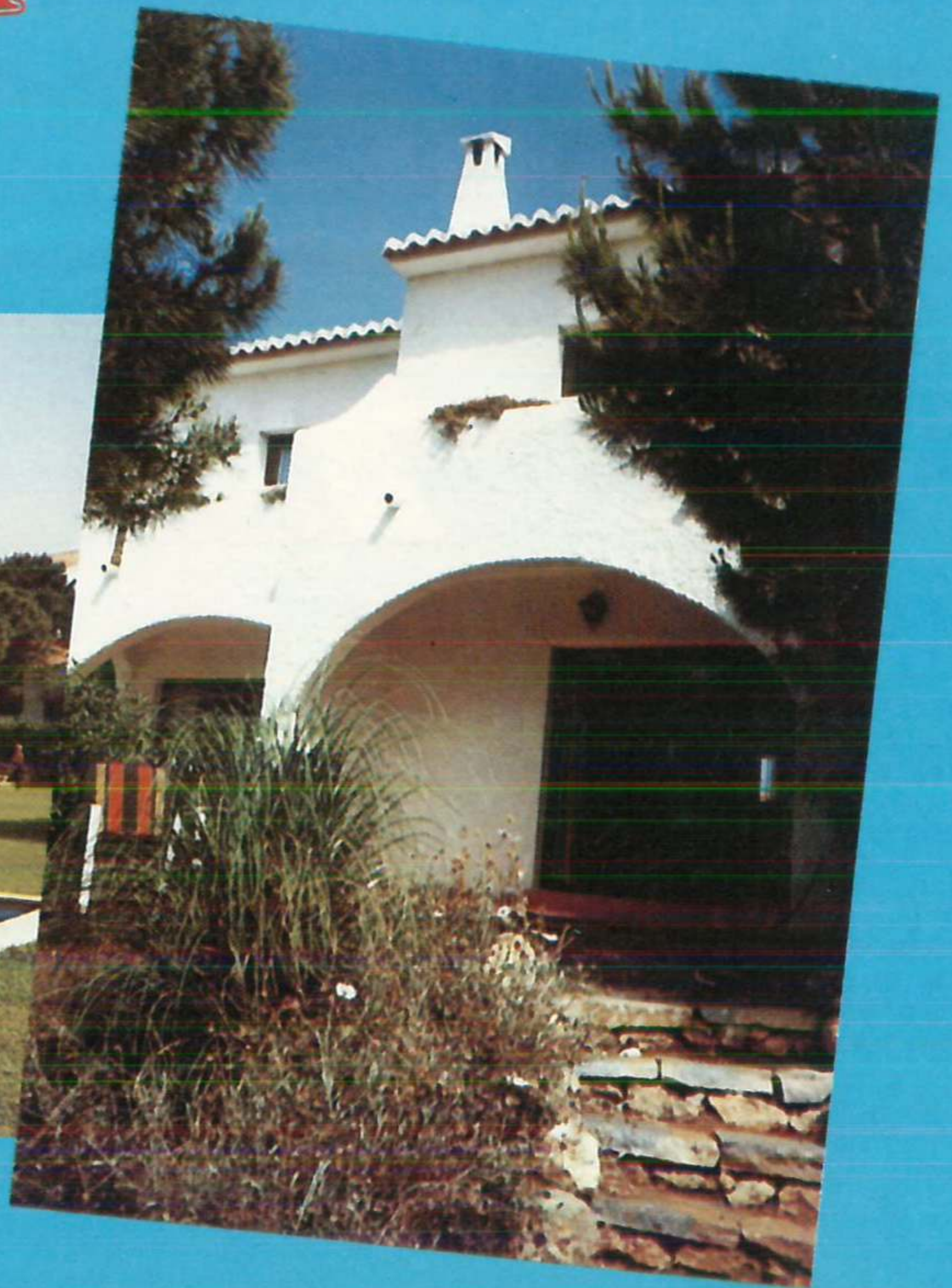
Things being what they are with prejudices, be they political or personal, presenting a seemingly impregnable barrier, it is doubtful whether we shall see a united-Ireland team in the foreseeable future.

It seems such a waste at a time which could prove the most successful in the history of Irish football. Success at international level can do wonders for the domestic game and one would think it possible for both football associations to maintain their independence at local level while at the same time forming a combined international selection panel to cover international matches.

Already in this current European Championship the Republic have found life difficult, and their home draw with Spain would seem to edge them out of a realistic chance of qualifying for the finals. But just think of the potential of a team such as this: Jennings; Nicholl, O'Leary, Lawrenson, Hughton; McIlroy, O'Neill, Brady; Armstrong, Stapleton, Whiteside. And what is even more important is that this team could be supplemented by many class players which would give Ireland quality in depth.

Unquestionably a united-Ireland team would pose a threat to everyone in Europe.

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Taking the Crunch out of Soccer

By John Nolan



The Chairman of the PFA Steve Coppell

Thankfully the Association of Referees and Linesmen endorsed their policy to clean up the game when they held a special meeting in Coventry at the end of November.

With a record 123 players already sent for an early bath in League and Cup games the pressure was on to curb the campaign and institute a more lenient attitude towards football offenders. But despite the complaints John Goggins, the secretary of the Referees Association, claimed that the war on soccer's henchmen was having the desired effect.

"We have no evidence that anyone is asking us to go soft," he said. "We believe the fans are behind us in our bid to do something about the deliberate cheating in the game."

From my observations of crowd reactions this season I would endorse that statement. The soccer going public have thrilled at the skills of the more talented players who now have licence to exercise their ability without the fear of being whacked from behind. The new referees charter has certainly taken the crunch out of the game and left us with more snap crackle and pop, but many observers have questioned the validity of dismissing players for deliberate handball.

The sending off of goalkeepers for example has seemed severely harsh and not in line with overall policy which is to make the game more entertaining for the spectator.

The dismissal for instance of the Stoke City goalkeeper Peter Fox in the first-half of the First Division game against Luton Town could hardly be described as a positive contribution towards the betterment of the game.

THE PRICE TO PAY

Fox had made an instinctive dive just outside the penalty area and was punished accordingly. Stoke were left to battle on with ten men, a far from satisfactory outcome for the paying customers.

Fox himself was so distressed he threatened to give up the game and another Stoke City player, Micky Thomas, has also expressed vehement fears that players will pack up football unless referees take a softer line.

Thomas' outburst was provoked by the sending off at Southampton of Stoke's England Under-21 defender Paul Bracewell: "Bracewell's sending off was disgraceful," roared the Welsh international, "It showed that players can no longer challenge for 50-50 balls."

The divide between a legitimate tackle and a foul is a very thin one in a game of physical contact and although everyone wants to see the cynical foul outlawed and punished severely, it must be remembered that tackling is a skill in its own right and is a perfectly legitimate action.

However apart from these obvious misgivings the Players Union has thrown its weight solidly behind the referees and the PFA chairman, Steve Coppell, says: "If this is the price we have to pay to make the game more entertaining, then it must be paid."

The Manchester United and England forward has always been a player of exemplary attitude himself and

emphasises that he understands what a difficult job referees face in controlling a match.

ENCOURAGING

"I am on their side," he says "although I can see that there are problems in certain areas, but I have been encouraged by the fact that referees seem to be using their discretionary powers to better effect."

"I was involved in an incident during our match at Old Trafford against Spurs, when Glenn Hoddle made an illegal tackle on me. It was obviously an error of judgement rather than a deliberate attempt to injure or intimidate me and although the crowd wanted him off, the referee — quite correctly to my mind — used his discretion and was content to book him."

The PFA are naturally concerned about the number of players sent off this season but as Coppell intimates, they can not do anything about altering the rules at this stage of the season: "We do not make the rules. It is our job to play within them," he points out.

It is quite clear that the stricter interpretation of the laws has helped produce more entertaining football this season but surprisingly of the 123 offenders dismissed in the opening three months, only 39 were guilty of committing professional fouls. The remainder were just dealt with in the traditional way for violation of the rules.

All concerned are obviously aware that the system is not perfect but this is mainly due to that age old problem of inconsistency by officials. However in the main all parties seem to agree that the controversial clean up campaign is gradually sweeping the cynicism out of the professional game . . . And that can't be bad.

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FANS FIRST AND FOREMOST

The realisation that soccer's mass following is in decline has alerted clubs to try and do everything in their power to make sure that they halt the slide.

Football has at last realised that the fans of the eighties need looking after and in this respect many clubs such as Tottenham, Manchester United and Sheffield United have spent millions constructing modern comfortable stands to house their supporters.

But it does not end with bricks and mortar ask Swansea City Chairman Malcolm Struel and he will tell you: "The first people we think about at this club are the fans."

It is good to hear. Swansea, now enjoying their second season in the First Division have evolved a scheme with the local transport authority which provides cheap travel and reduced admission to



Swansea manager John Toshack

matches. From the outskirts of the city special tickets are available only from bus drivers. There are adult tickets and family tickets, the latter saving up to £1.20.

Mr Tom Phillips, Swansea's vice chairman, says "The scheme is aimed mainly at encouraging family support and nothing would please us more than to find that we eventually have to extend our special family enclosure".

The theme is echoed by new Derby director and former Secretary Stuart Webb. "We all need a distinct injection of the old family atmosphere, the sort we fostered at the Baseball Ground several years ago".

So Derby are embarking on a registration plan to keep the "unwanted" out of their family seating area.

The first rule is: No adults unless accompanied by children!

Fans young and old are uppermost in the thinking of Gordon Dimbleby, who recently joined Chelsea's administrative staff.

There are almost permanent reservations at Stamford Bridge for a group of Chelsea Pensioners and for the home match against Shrewsbury Chelsea invited 100 guests from the local Senior Citizens Club.

Meanwhile, Dimbleby, tongue by no means in cheek, has inaugurated for the Under-12's "Gordon'll Fix It" programme so that "The youngsters can have their dreams realised". Those who want to skipper Chelsea may have to wait a while!

Carlisle, who are to make an award to the best behaved visiting supporters this season, are to honour their own fans with a supporter's "Top 10" nominated by the fans themselves.

Says Managing Director Colin Hutchinson, "We want the fans to tell us about the supporters they feel deserve recognition, like the fan who hasn't missed an away match for years, or something totally different like a supporter who makes a contribution to improving the image of football fans."

"An independent panel will decide on the awards at the end of the season. We want to show the bright side of committed football supporters".

MORE WATCHING THE BOX

League football is attracting bigger TV audiences. The Broadcasters Audience Research Bureau report an increase of seven per cent on weekend viewing which so far this season has consisted entirely of League matches.

"I'm not surprised", says Brian Moore of ITV whose figures are up a staggering 57 per cent since switching to Saturday night transmission.

Moore, presenter of 'The Big Match', pays League football a fulsome tribute. "The game has never been more exciting in any of the 14 seasons I've been involved with the programme."

"We've been able to show a number of tremendous matches, with plenty of goals, and I can't help but compliment the managers, coaches and, above all, the players."

"I'm not surprised that more people are returning to the game. Everywhere I've been people have gone out of their way to say how exciting matches have become."

Moore, a director of Third Division Gillingham, adds: "The message from the pitch is that football is very far from dead".

The increase in viewing figures does not surprise Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League. "The reason is simple", he says. "The game this season has been better, and more entertaining. Those people who have been staying away from games have missed some magnificent football."

"The trend is very encouraging" adds Mr. Kelly. "The overall increase in TV audiences is probably well in excess of seven per cent when mid-week viewing of Milk Cup and international matches is taken into account."

"I agree with Brian Moore. There has been a dramatic change on the pitch. We all have our own theories on the reasons why, but it is obvious that the players are enjoying the game more and more and that enjoyment is communicating itself to the spectators."



BOLTON RECORD

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division 1	Home	Away
Arsenal	4-2	0-1
Aston Villa	0-0	0-3
Birmingham	2-2	0-3
Bristol City	1-2	1-4
Chelsea	2-1	3-4
Coventry	0-0	2-2
Derby	2-1	0-3
Everton	3-1	0-1
Ipswich	2-3	0-3
Leeds	3-1	1-5
Liverpool	1-4	0-3
Manchester City	2-2	1-2
Manchester United	3-0	2-1
Middlesbrough	0-0	1-1
Norwich	3-2	0-0
Nottingham Forest	0-1	1-1
Q.P.R.	2-1	3-1
Southampton	2-0	2-2
Tottenham	1-3	0-2
W.B.A.	0-1	0-4
Wolves	3-1	1-1

F.A. CUP

Round 3 — Bristol City (a) 1-3

LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Allardyce, S.	18(2)	Burke, D.	19(1)
Dunn, T.	24(2)	Gowling, A.	36
Graham, H.	9	Greaves, R.	41
Jones, G.	—(1)	Jones, P.	31(1)
McDonagh, J.	42	McNab, N.	22(1)
Morgan, W.	41	Nicholson, P.	34
Nowak, T.	1(1)	Reid, P.	14
Smith, B.	18(2)	Train, R.	5
Walsh, M.	42	Whatmore, N.	23(6)
Worthington, F.	42		

LEAGUE CUP

Round 2 — Chelsea (h) 2-1
Round 3 — Exeter (a) 1-2

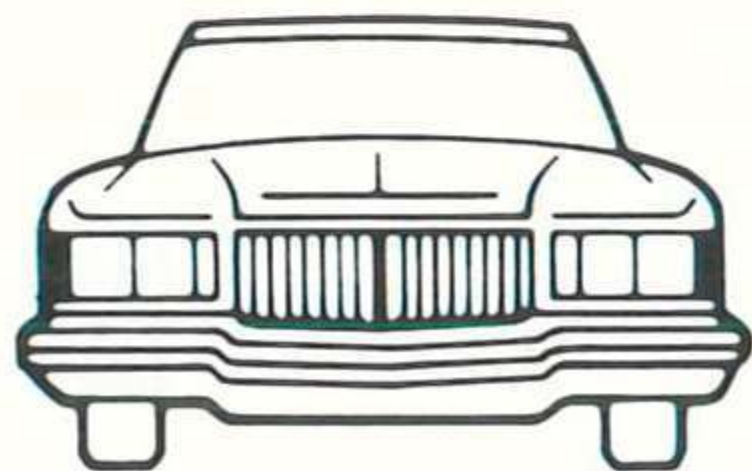
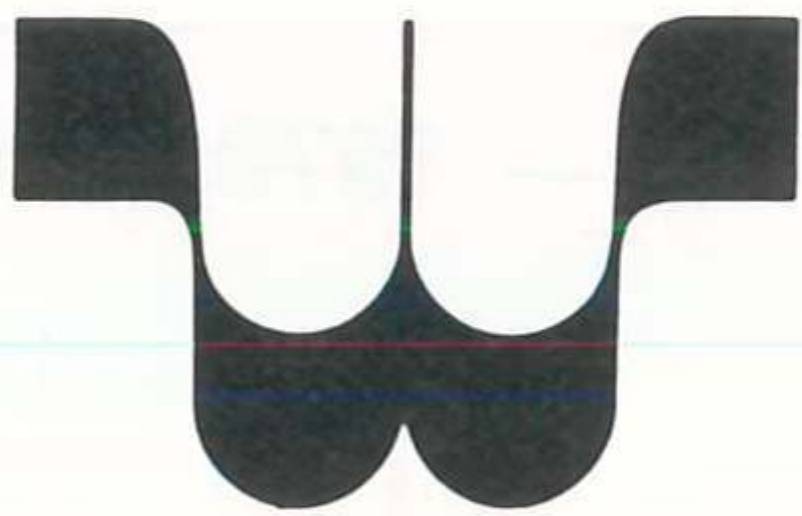
LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

Worthington	24	Gowling	15
McNab	3	Whatmore	3
Morgan	2	Allardyce	1
Smith	1	Walsh	1
Burke	1	Jones, P.	1
Greaves	1	Opponents	1

FINAL TABLE

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	42	30	8	4	85	16	68
Nottingham F.	42	21	18	3	61	26	60
W.B.A.	42	24	11	7	72	35	59
Everton	42	17	17	8	52	40	51
Leeds U.	42	18	14	10	70	52	50
Ipswich T.	42	20	9	13	63	49	49
Arsenal	42	17	14	11	61	48	48
Aston Villa	42	15	16	11	60	49	46
Manchester U.	42	15	15	12	60	63	45
Coventry C.	42	14	16	12	58	68	44
Tottenham H.	42	13	15	14	48	61	41
Middlesbrough	42	15	10	17	57	50	40
Bristol C.	42	15	10	17	47	51	40
Southampton	42	12	16	14	47	53	40
Manchester C.	42	13	13	16	58	56	39
Norwich C.	42	7	23	12	51	57	37
Bolton W.	42	12	11	19	54	75	35
Wolverhampton W.	42	13	8	21	44	68	34
Derby C.	42	10	11	21	44	71	31
Q.P.R.	42	6	13	23	45	73	25
Birmingham C.	42	6	10	26	37	64	22
Chelsea	42	5	10	27	44	92	20

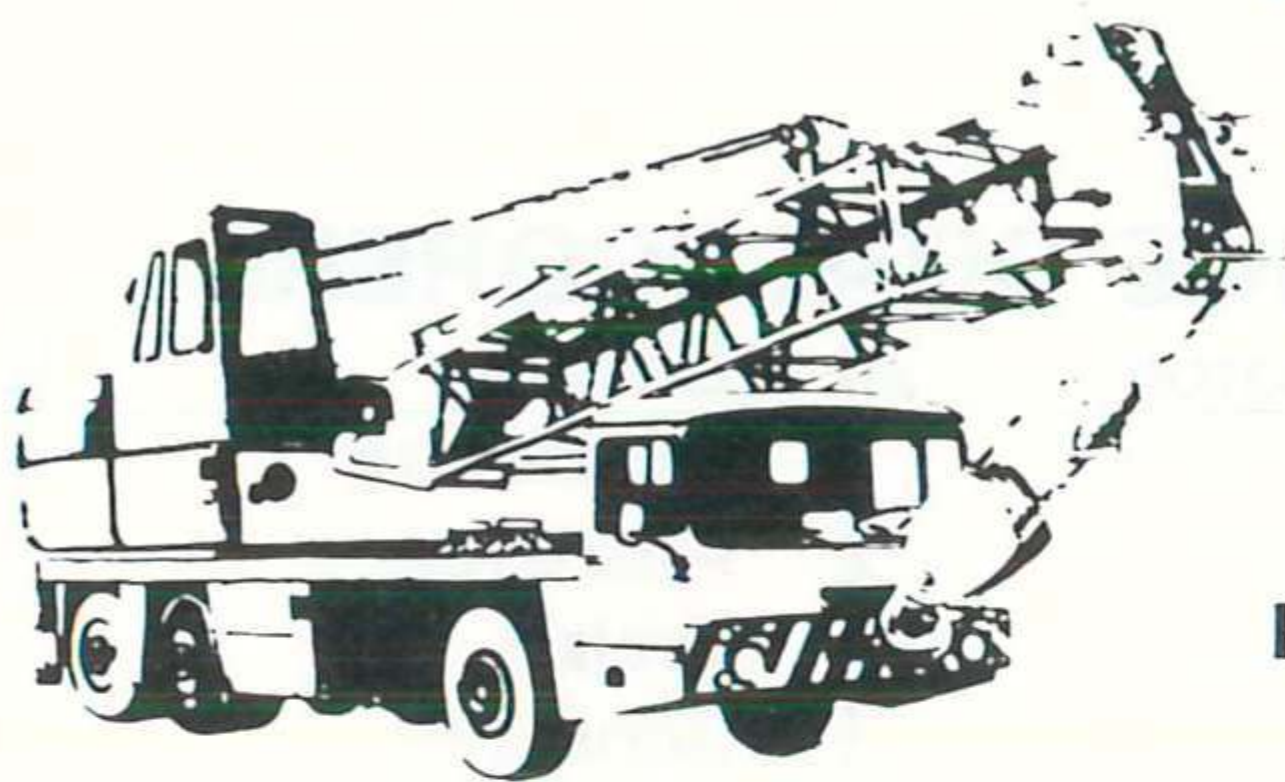
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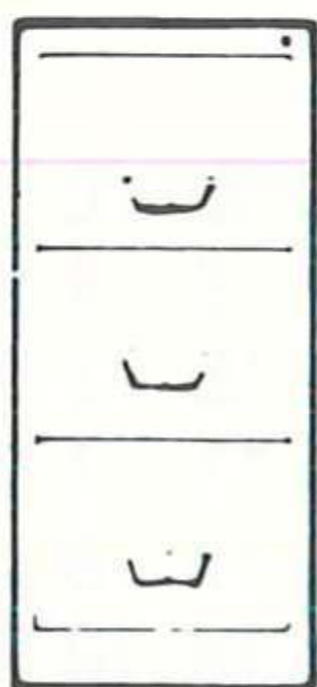
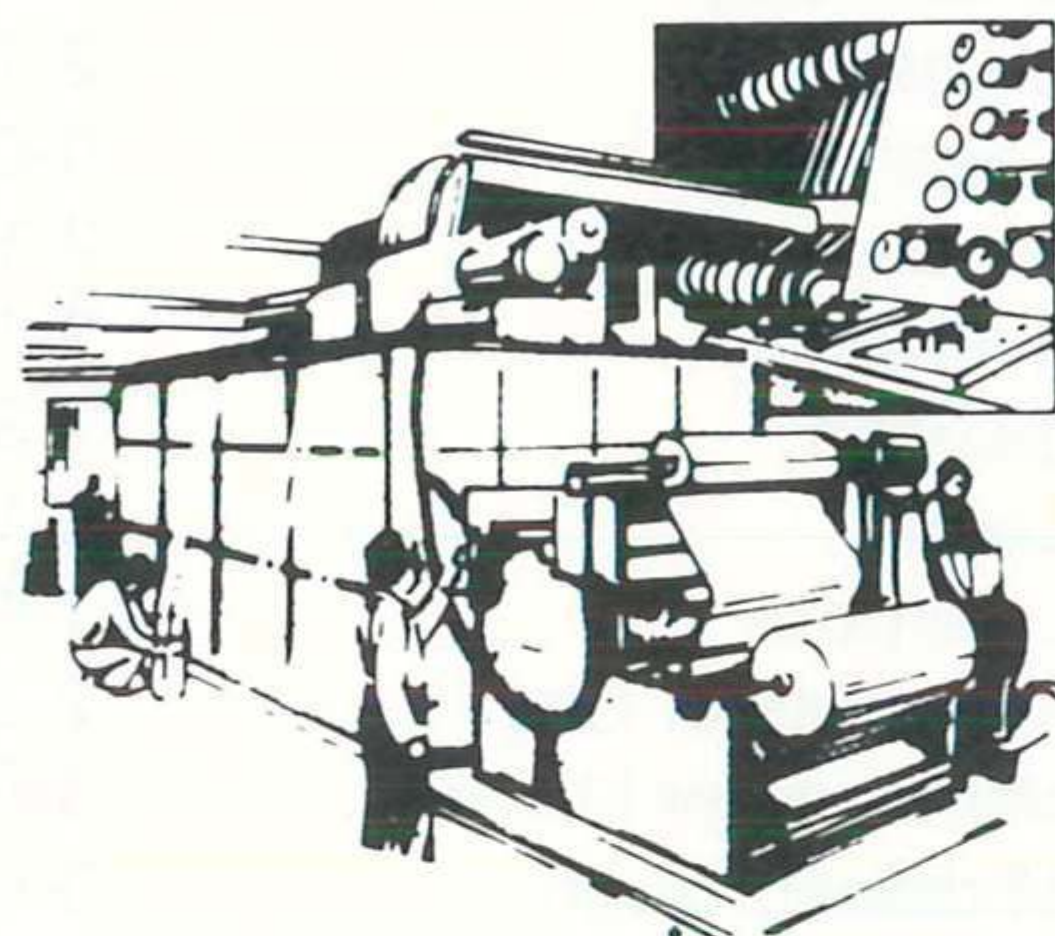
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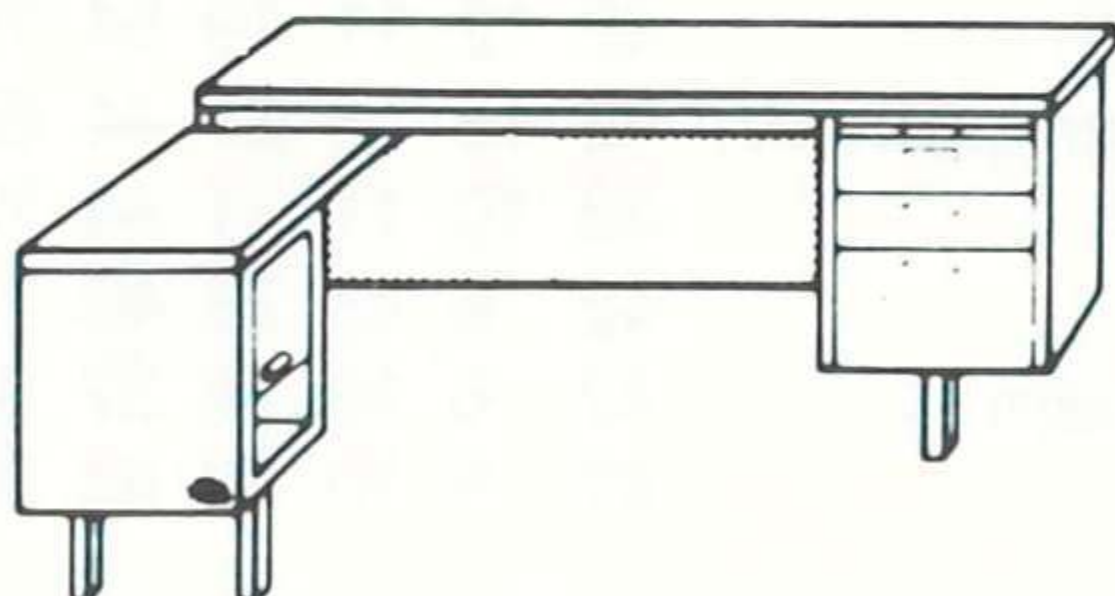
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ACTION FROM CARLISLE

1. Jeff Chandler has shot saved.
2. Doyle in the air.
3. Foster in full flow.
4. Foster in goalmouth incident.
5. Foster attempt at goal.



1982	Opponents	Score	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	28 Burnley	0-0	10,607	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones ●	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid ●	Hoggan	Berry
Sept	31 Carlisle United (MC.1)	3-3	4,314	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry	Moores(1)	Reid	Hoggan(1)	Berry
	4 Newcastle United	3-1	17,738	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moores	Reid(1)	Hoggan	Berry
	7 Sheffield Wednesday	1-3	17,307	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moores	Reid	Hoggan	Berry
	11 Fulham	0-4	5,688	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney ●	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Berry	Hoggan
	14 Carlisle United (MC.2)	4-0	4,039	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moores(1)	Reid	Berry	
	18 Wolverhampton W.	0-1	9,264	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern ●	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Berry	Rudge
	25 Grimsby Town	0-1	7,583	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Berry	Deakin
Oct	28 Oldham Athletic	2-3	5,605	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moores(1)	Reid	Rudge	Hoggan
	2 Crystal Palace	1-0	5,804	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid	Hoggan(1)	Moores
Oct	5 Watford	1-2	5,664	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid ●	Hoggan(1)	Moores
	9 Rotherham United	2-2	6,577	McDonagh	Whitworth ●	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Moores(1)	Thompson(1)	Foster
	16 Middlesbrough	0-1	5,529	McDonagh	Bennett	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Thompson	Foster
	23 Barnsley	0-2	7,339	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Reid	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Rudge	Hoggan	Thompson
	26 Watford (MC.3)	1-2	11,520	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern(1)	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge	Moores	Reid ●	Hoggan	Thompson
Nov	30 Queens Park Rangers	0-1	9,363	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge	Moores	Henry	Hoggan	Deakin
	6 Shrewsbury Town	1-4	4,879	McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge ●	Moores	Henry(1)	Thompson	Chandler
	13 Derby County	0-0	10,999	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle ●	Chandler	Rudge	Foster	Reid	Thompson	Bennett
	20 Blackburn R.	1-1	7,428	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler(1)	Henry	Foster	Reid	Thompson	Hoggan
Dec	27 Leicester City	3-1	5,060	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry	Foster(1)	Reid	Thompson(1)	Hoggan
	4 Cambridge United	0-0	2,622	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Thompson	Moores
	11 Charlton Athletic	4-1	5,645	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Reid	Thompson	Moores
	18 Chelsea	1-2	6,903	McDonagh	Berry	Jones	Doyle	Deakin	Thompson	Henry(1)	Hoggan	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Moores
	27 Carlisle United	1-0	8,171	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones(1)	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Hoggan	Thompson	Moores
	28 Leeds United	1-1	16,180	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Whatmore(1)	Foster	Hoggan	Thompson	Moores
Jan	1 Blackburn Rovers	1-0	11,481	McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	Henry(1)	Jones	Doyle ●	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Hoggan	Thompson	Moores
	3 Newcastle United	2-2	23,533	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster(1)	Hoggan	Thompson(1)	Moores
	8 Arsenal FA Cup 3	1-2	22,576	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Deakin	Chandler	Whatmore	Foster	Hoggan	Thompson	Rudge
Feb	15 Burnley														
	22 Oldham Athletic														
	5 Fulham														
	12 Crystal Palace														
	19 Rotherham United														
	26 Middlesbrough														
Mar	5 Barnsley														
	12 Queens Park Rangers														
	19 Shrewsbury Town														
	26 Derby County														
April	2 Leeds United														
	5 Carlisle United														
	9 Sheffield Wednesday														
	16 Wolverhampton W.														
	23 Cambridge United														
	30 Leicester City														
May	2 Grimsby Town														
May	7 Chelsea														
	14 Charlton Athletic														
	21 FA Cup Final														

NEXT HOME MATCH
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
FULHAM
SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 1983
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

● Player substituted



LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Monday, 3rd January 1983)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	L	F	A	F	A	
Wolverhampton W.	23	10	0	2	31	9	2	15	11	11	49	
Queens Park Rangers	23	7	2	2	22	10	4	13	12	43		
Fulham	23	7	3	2	22	15	4	23	17	41		
Leicester City	23	6	1	5	19	10	4	21	15	36		
Sheffield Wednesday	23	6	4	2	23	15	2	15	16	36		
Shrewsbury Town	23	5	3	3	11	9	5	19	21	35		
Grimsby Town	23	7	3	2	23	14	3	11	27	34		
Oldham Athletic	23	4	7	1	23	16	3	16	15	33		
Leeds United	23	4	5	2	14	10	3	12	14	32		
Rotherham United	23	5	3	3	13	12	3	15	19	32		
Barnsley	23	4	6	1	20	12	4	12	15	31		
Newcastle United	23	5	5	2	17	13	4	17	21	30		
Crystal Palace	23	6	5	1	19	10	1	7	16	30		
Blackburn Rovers	23	5	4	2	22	13	3	12	22	30		
Chelsea	23	5	5	1	16	8	2	9	21	28		
Middlesbrough	23	4	3	4	14	21	4	13	21	27		
Carlisle United	23	6	1	4	26	20	1	16	27	26		
Bolton Wanderers	23	6	1	4	18	15	0	6	16	25		
Charlton Athletic	23	5	1	5	18	19	2	16	30	25		
Cambridge United	23	6	4	2	18	13	0	7	21	24		
Burnley	23	4	3	5	19	17	1	13	26	19		
Derby County	23	3	5	4	14	17	0	10	19	19		

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date		Opponents	Goals
1982			F A
Sep	22	Preston N.E.	5 3
	29	Burnley	0 0
Oct	13	Nottingham Forest	0 3
	20	Chesterfield	4 1
Nov	2	Derby County	3 2
	8	Rotherham United	2 1
	16	Oldham Athletic	3 1
	24	Notts County	5 1
	30	Wigan	— P
Dec	8	Sunderland	1 1
	14	Manchester City	3 1
	20	Bradford City	3 2
1983			
Jan	6	Chesterfield	1 5
	12	Derby County	
	19	Port Vale	
	26	Barnsley	
Feb	2	Middlesbrough	
	9	Preston N.E.	
	15	Rotherham United	
	23	Nottingham Forest	
Mar	1	Burnley	
	9	Port Vale	
	16	Barnsley	
	22	Middlesbrough	
	30	Notts County	
Apr	6	Oldham Athletic	
	13	Sunderland	
	20	Wigan	
	26	Bradford City	
May	4	Manchester City	

2ND DIVISION FACTS & FIGURES

(Up to and including 8th January)

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
Barnsley	23,275 v Sheffield W.	13,802	Glavin 10
Blackburn R.	14,421 v Newcastle	8,024	Garner 14
Bolton W.	17,707 v Newcastle	7,957	Henry 7
Burnley	20,283 v Blackburn	8,863	Hamilton, Taylor 7
Cambridge U.	8,124 v Chelsea	4,501	Reilly 9
Carlisle U.	16,276 v Newcastle	6,682	Shoulder 13
Charlton A.	13,306 v Q.P.R.	7,457	Hales, White 8
Chelsea	29,797 v Fulham	14,290	Speedie 6
Crystal P.	17,996 v Charlton	9,650	Mabbutt 8
Derby C.	14,007 v Q.P.R.	11,352	Swindlehurst 6
Fulham	17,196 v Wolves	9,829	Davies 15
Grimsby T.	16,137 v Leeds	8,229	Drinkell 13
Leeds U.	26,570 v Newcastle	15,716	Butterworth 6
Leicester C.	17,341 v Sheffield W.	11,627	Lineker 17
Middlesbrough	17,000 v Leeds	9,146	Shearer 9
Newcastle U.	36,185 v Q.P.R.	26,123	Keegan 13
Oldham	15,658 v Leeds	6,908	Wyde 12
Q.P.R.	23,744 v Chelsea	11,429	Allen 8
Rotherham	13,791 v Barnsley	9,502	Fern 5
Sheffield W.	29,050 v Leeds	16,772	Bannister 13
Shrewsbury	13,336 v Wolves	5,945	Brown 6
Wolves	22,567 v Leeds	15,721	Eves 12

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CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE

(as at 5th January 1983)

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham Forest	15	11	2	2	36	13	24
Bolton Wanderers	11	8	2	1	29	16	18
Sunderland	12	7	4	1	22	12	18
Burnley	10	6	2	2	15	11	14
Manchester City	13	6	1	6	22	21	13
Barnsley	10	4	2	4	19	16	10
Notts. County	11	4	2	5	18	26	10
Bradford City	12	3	3	6	19	23	9
Derby County	11	4	0	7	25	19	8
Middlesbrough	10	4	0	6	14	16	8
Oldham Athletic	9	3	2	4	15	18	8
Rotherham United	11	4	2	5	13	15	10
Wigan Athletic	10	3	2	5	8	15	8
Preston North End	10	4	0	6	21	36	8
Chesterfield	10	1	3	6	6	16	5
Port Vale	9	1	1	7	11	20	3

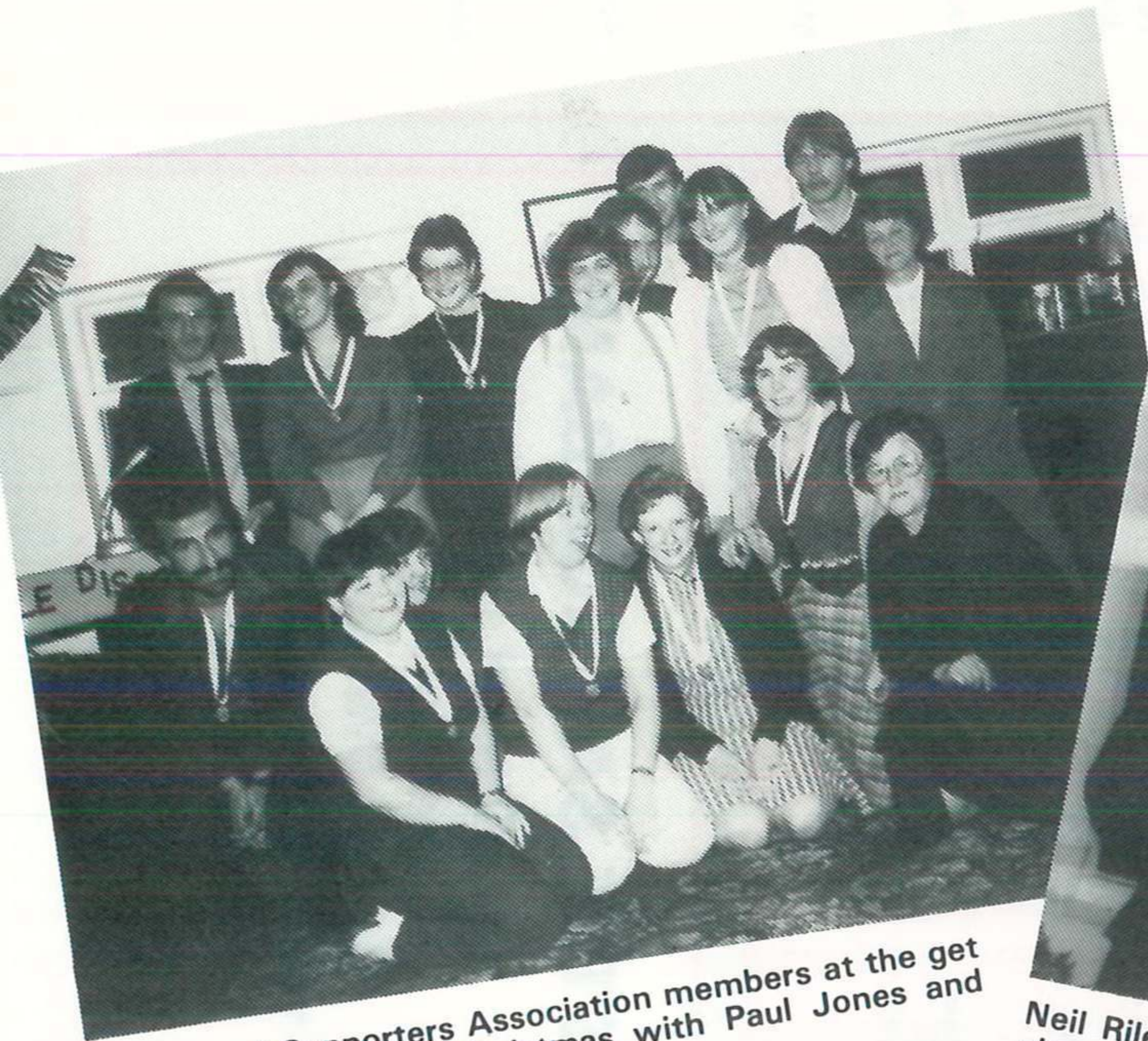
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Neil Riley Vice Chairman of the Wanderers accepts a cheque for £500 on behalf of the Club from Treasurer of the Supporters Association Simon Marland.

Puzzle Page??

CLUB CLUE No. 14

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

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Answer to No. 13 *Lokomotiv (Leipzig)*.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 14

Re-order the letters in each of the words

RANGER and SHRUB

to find the names of

TWO MEN CALLED "PAUL".

Answers to No. 13 *Lacy, Stone*.

QUIZ

1. In which countries could you watch Fussball, voetbal and fodbol?
2. Which country in the last World Cup finals fielded players belonging to a television channel?
3. In which season was two-up, two-down last used in the Football League?
4. Who says he's 'had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus'?
5. Who was the Manager of the Year for 1981/82?

Answers to quiz in last programme: 1. Allan Simonsen; 2. 51,535; 3. Ajax; 4. Chester; 5. Sailing.

ON THE BALL No. 14

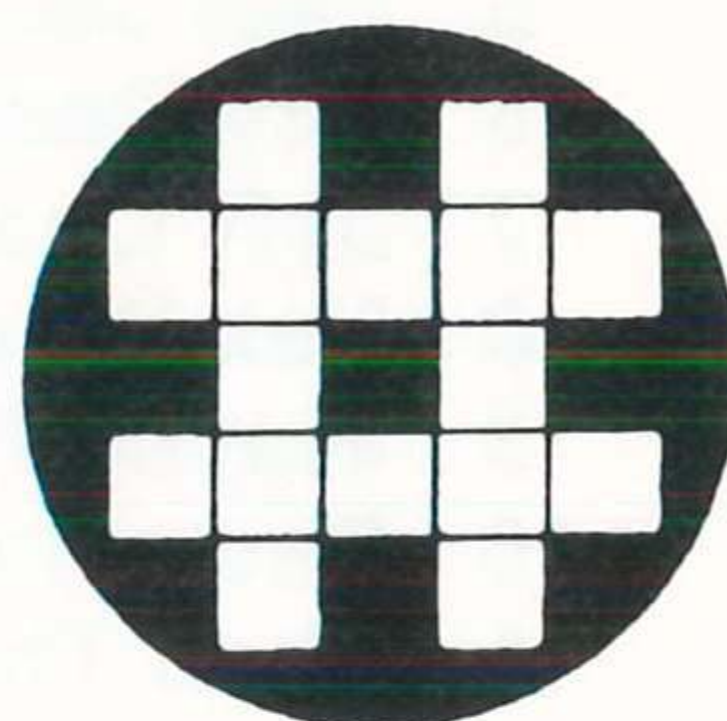
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Pele was "The Black _____"

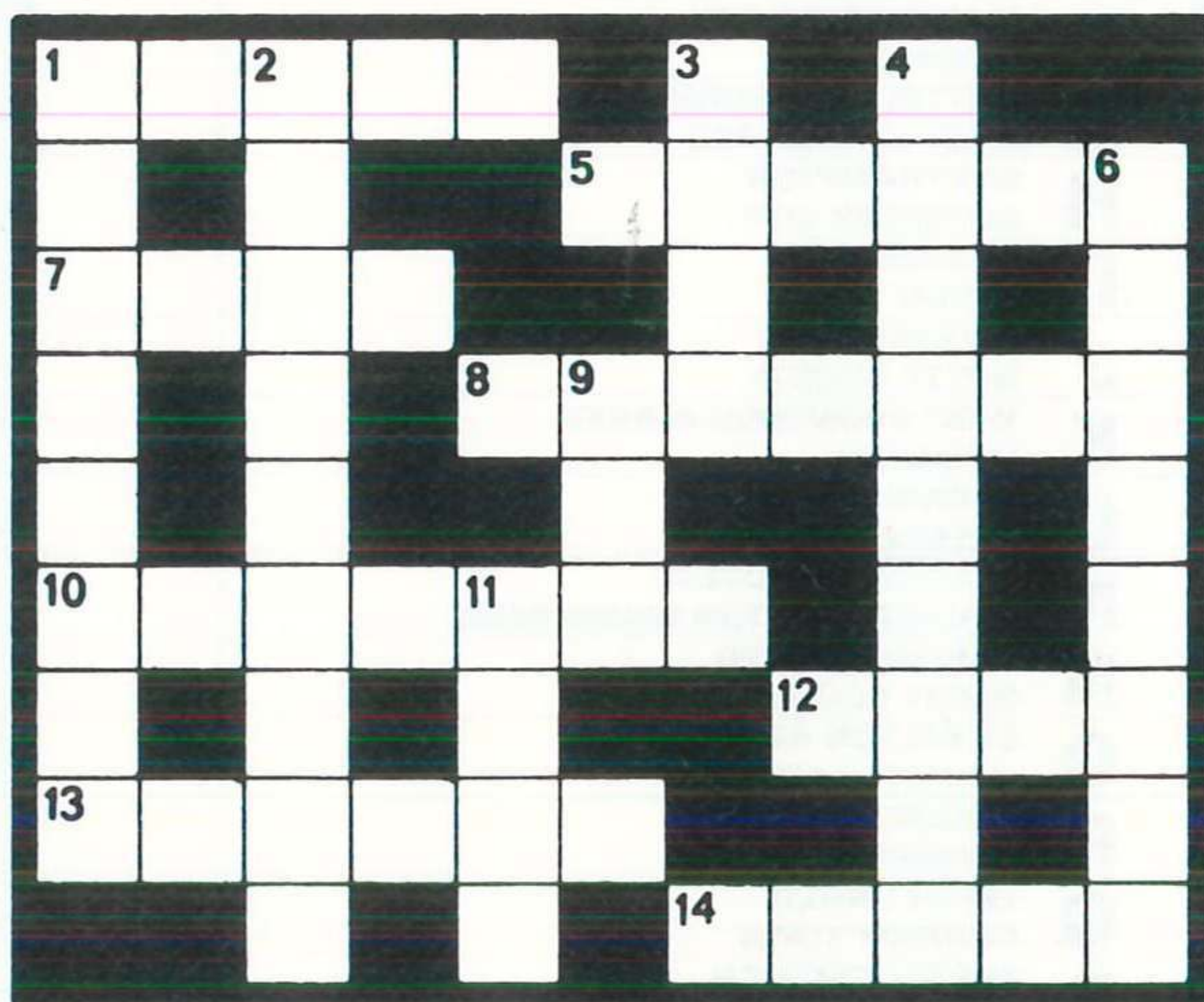
Club involved in a row? "Bomber"

Cochrane or Connor

Answers to *On The Ball* No. 13: Jason, First, Rossi, David.



Crossword



Across

1. Former Celtic and Scotland star _____ Johnstone had a few games with Sheffield United (5)
5. Keeper under manager Bobby Houghton at Malmö, Bristol City and Toronto (6)
7. See 3 down
8. This nickname makes them sound more like a snooker club than a soccer club! (7)
10. Tries to win the ball from the chap with it (7)
12. The need here is the fellow who defended White Hart Lane and St Andrew's during the 1970s (4)
13. France had to borrow them from a local club to play Hungary in the 1978 World Cup finals (6)
14. Striker (who sounds as if he had a pitch to himself!) who shared a ton of goals between Halifax, Barrow, Southport, Blackburn and Sheffield United (5)

Down

1. With Liam Brady's aid they were champions of Italy in 1981 and 1982 (8)
2. He succeeded Sir Harold Thompson as Chairman of the FA (9)
- 3 & 7 ac. Club which sold two brothers to its neighbour, 8 across, this season (4,4)
4. The long-service FA Director of Coaching who lost his job when Bobby Robson took overall control of English football (5,4)
6. Produced an outcome (8)
9. Scotland's European championship group (3)
11. This sort of 10 across may not be timely enough! (4)

Solution to crossword in last programme. Across: 6. Derek Reeves; 8 & 7. red stripes; 10. Ray; 12. Wharton; 15. Barry Foster. Down: 1. Best; 2. Kevin; 3. Greenhoff (1977); 4. Ke(vi)n; 5. Pelé; 9. Cross; 11. Alan; 13. Owen; 14. Fry.

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TEAMS



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- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Ray Deakin
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Wayne Foster
- 10 Dave Hoggan
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

Today's Referee: L. M. ROBINSON (Sutton Coldfield)

Commenced refereeing in Durham before moving to the Birmingham area and to the Southern League and then Football League. Married, with two daughters, he is an Engineer Surveyor, and is keen on golf, squash, swimming and enjoys caravanning. Since 1970 he has been Secretary of Birmingham and District Referees' Association, and in 1981 also became President.



Linesmen: M. S. DICKMAN (South Wirral)

Red Flag

J. McAULAY (Leeds) Yellow Flag

Scoreboard

BURNLEY

- 1 Billy O'Rourke
- 2 Brian Laws
- 3 Willie Donachie
- 4 David Holt
- 5 Mike Phelan
- 6 Brian Flynn
- 7 Derek Scott
- 8 Trevor Steven
- 9 Billy Hamilton
- 10 Steve Taylor
- 11 Kevin Young
- 12

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	STOKE CITY	
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
	MANCHESTER UNITED	
C	EVERTON	
	WATFORD	
D	IPSWICH TOWN	
	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	
E	LUTON TOWN	
	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	
F	MANCHESTER CITY	
	NORWICH CITY	
G	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
	WEST HAM UNITED	
H	SOUTHAMPTON	
	COVENTRY CITY	
I	SUNDERLAND	
	ASTON VILLA	
J	SWANSEA CITY	
	NOTTS COUNTY	
K	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
	LIVERPOOL	
L	BARNLEY	
	CRYSTAL PALACE	
M	BLACKBURN ROVERS	
	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	
N	CARLISLE UNITED	
	DERBY COUNTY	
O	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
	LEICESTER CITY	
P	CHELSEA	
	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	
Q	LEEDS UNITED	
	GRIMSBY TOWN	
R	MIDDLESBROUGH	
	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	
S	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	
	NEWCASTLE UNITED	
T	ROTHERHAM UNITED	
	FULHAM	
U	SHREWSBURY TOWN	
	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	
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	LINCOLN CITY	
W	HEREFORD UNITED	
	BURY	
X	ROCHDALE	
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